



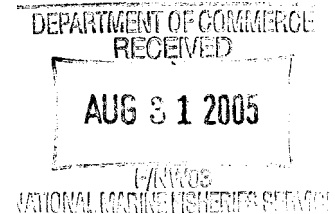
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Re: Modification request for ESA 10(a)1(A) Permit #1252, request for a "grace period"; amendments to list of investigators

Dear Mr. Rule:

In response to the letter from your office dated June 29, 2005, regarding the change in status of one Evolutionarily Significant Unit in the Northwest Region, the Lower Columbia River (LCR) Coho salmon, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is requesting a modification to be made to our existing permit #1252. We anticipate the take of LCR Coho salmon or newly listed hatchery fish with an intact adipose fin during presence/absence surveys in which multiple techniques are often used, including minnow trapping, dip netting, seining, and at last resort, electrofishing. Therefore, we would like LCR Coho salmon to be added to our existing permit. We also hope to qualify for the "grace period" during which business may be conducted as usual until December 29, 2005.

Permit #1252 was issued to WSDOT in a letter dated February 21, 2002, and the permit expires December 31, 2006. Listed below are the authorized individuals under this permit and the additional requested amendments.

Paul Wagner (Permit Holder)
Mark Cornwall (Investigator)
Brian Bigler (Investigator)
Craig Broadhead (Investigator)
Gary S. Davis (Investigator)
Eric S. Gower (Investigator)
Kristen Fredericks (Investigator)
Ryan McReynolds (Investigator)
Patricia L. McQueary (Investigator)

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Tom Waller (Investigator)
Carl Ward (Investigator)
Marion N. Carey (Investigator)
Tara Chestnut (Investigator)
LeeAnn Hancock (Investigator)
Erv Koller (Investigator)
Eric Russell (Investigator)
Ken Sargent (Investigator)
Colleen Cleveland (Investigator)
Tracie Caslin (Investigator)
Sharon Vecht (Investigator)
Michelle Guay (Investigator)
Tom Kohl (Investigator)

Please remove from the list:

Eric Russell
Ken Sargent

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Tracie O'Brien at (360) 705-7426 or obrient@wsdot.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Paul Wagner
Biology Program Manager

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Thanks for your call, Leslie,

As we discussed, WSDOT may capture, handle, and release up to 30 listed coho annually. WSDOT's intentions are to release the fish alive, we do not expect to kill the fish.

Thanks again for your time. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

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